



Byelection candidates

Read their thoughts Ward 2 issues



returns

Peter Norman will visit Ridgeway-Crystal Beach High School

Ridgeway Business Improvement Association is looking for volunteers. See page 37.



Kinsmen Pool close to reopening

Fort Erie Underwater Recovery Unit votes in favour of lease agreement

> Sarah Ferguson Fort Frie Times

Children could be splashing around in the Kinsmen Pool as early as

The Fort Erie Underwater Recovery Unit recently voted in favour of an agreement that will see the Town of Fort Erie lease the pool to the non-profit organization.

Our members saw this as an opportunity to provide a need in the community that hasn't been fulfilled for a few years," said the recovery unit's past president, lim Traves.

The Fort Erie Underwater Recovery Unit, which currently has 43 members. was founded in 1961 to facilitate the recovery of people from area water-

courses. While the underwater recovery unit can still provide the public with underwater search and rescue operations, the club has since evolved into "a social

non-profit club," Traves Members of the under-

said



SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

The Fort Erie Underwater Recovery Unit has voted in favour of an agreement to lease the Kinsmen Pool from the Town of Fort Erie. From left are underwater recovery unit members, property chairman Mike Larocque, president Donna Wood and past president Jim Traves.

important to lease the pool to learn how to swim. from the Town to give Fort "We feel the unit has the

opportunity now and in the said. future to play a bigger part in the community." Traves

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Melting snow poses challenge for chemical spill cleanup

Sarah Ferguson Fort Frie Times

Mother Nature is challenging a crew charged with the task of cleaning up a chemical spill on a regional road in Fort Erie. "Unfortunately, with the warm weather, it is

causing the snow to melt (and mix with the contaminated liquid). There is more water flowing through the ditches where the spill occurred," Nick Palomba, Niagara Region's director of transportation services, said last Wednesday.

The Niagara Region has been working with the Ministry of the Environment and an environmental cleanup company to clean a spill which occurred from 833 Helena St. on March 9.

"The other problem is a lot of the surrounding area is still covered under a considerable amount of

snow," Palomba said. The spilled materials. acetone, toluene and xylene, a solvent-type substance found in paints or adhesives, although dangerous, pose no immediate health risks to resi-

The spill has been contained and the MOE has confirmed the source of the spill where it's leaching from the site, Palomba

said. Cleanup efforts have continued on a 24-hour basis. The process involves the chemical spill is not vacuuming and removing vet known. the contaminated liquid

"We're maintaining the those figures right now." road closure because of the equipment difficulties. preparing that informa-It's difficult for cars to go tion and making that avail-

through there while we continue to clean up the chemicals," Palomba said. "Once the water flow

stops, we can reopen the road. At this point, we're having difficulty because of the snow melt so it's premature to say when it will reopen. It's probably going to be another week

The Region and MOE are conducting daily testing for the presence of these chemicals. Palomba said the tests show a continued decrease in the amount of acetone, toluene and xylene at the site.

The financial impact of "We're working on Palomba said. "We will be

MIKE DIBATTISTA OMI Agency Niagara

continuing and Helena

Street remains closed

between Garrison Road

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and Albany Street.

Workers continue to clean up a chemical spill that occurred on March 9 on Helena St. The road remains closed attend the site every day to

oversee the cleanup

"Cleanup efforts are

work.

Kate Jordan, a spokes-





Campaign chairman, the

pool could be opened in

July, and next year the pool

can be opened even earlier.

year, Passero has been

assisting the Fort Erie

Underwater Recovery Unit

to reach an agreement with

the Town that will see the

Over the course of the last

weather permitting.

The unit's property chairman, Mike Larocque, said The Fort Erie Underwater Recovery Unit is "happy and proud" to be involved

with reopening the pool. A report will be presented to council on April 7, asking councillors to vote in favour of the lease agreement. If councillors approve the lease agreement, the underwater recovery unit will be

plans to reopen the pool. The Kinsmen Pool, which is more than 40 years old. was closed in 2012 following council's decision not to

fund a replacement. When the pool was first considered for closure a group of residents formed a Fundraising Committee, and started the Pool Together Campaign, to advocate for reopening the pool and eventually see the construction of a new aquatic facility.

municipality lease the pool to the non-profit organiza-Placing the swimming able to move forward with

pool into the hands of the underwater recovery unit will allow the organization to apply for grants and other funding opportunities the Town would not be able to apply for, Passero said.

The underwater recovery unit is in the process of seeking a grant from the Niagara Prosperity Initiative for capital repairs.

Canadian Tire Jump Start has also signed on to assist in funding a swimming lesson program, and several members of the community According to Stephen

already come forward "with monetary donations to offset operational costs such as utilities and insurance Passero said

"Now that we've agreed to a lease, we're putting a call out to the community

to help make it happen, Passero said about reopening the pool. We still need about

\$4,800 and we are looking for materials to be donated for a roof replacement." Once the pool is reopened. Passero said the facility can remain operational until council decides the best

course of action to replace the pool. "I'd like to see council make a decision and start funding its replacement over the next five to seven

years. We can keep the current facility running for now not forever For more information about the Kinsmen Pool contact Passero by e-mail at sdpassero@gmail.com.

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Do You Remember?

We received no calls about last week's photo of the ladies who were planning to bold a dessert bridge so it will remain in the unidentified people binder.

clues as to the identity of these young men or why and when their photo appeared in the

If you know anything about this photo, please call the Fort Erie Historical Museum at 905-894-5322 or e-mail museum@forte-

Alex Cuba will bring Latin flavour to the Sanctuary

season.

I just love to see nature awakening from its long cold sleep

The birds are chirping, trees and flowers are blossoming.

Call me crazy but I deeply feel that humans are waking up from their proverbial hibernation as

I see smiles, people out on the street. Love it. Good bye, cabin fever -

for now. Time to get our groove on! Let the rebirth begin. Well, what I can say? The Watchmen were fantastic - such a great live band, so



Nadine Pizzicarola

much energy and true musicians in my books. Julian Taylor was amazing as well. His velvety smooth voice was enchanting. My ears were defiantly

satisfied after the show. And it is so great to finally get out of the house

Next up, as I mentioned before, is the amazing Ashley MacIsaac on March 27. If you haven't had the chance to experience him live yet, you are in for an incredible treat. He is truly the master of his instrument. For me, he revolutionized what I always

thought of fiddle music. He turned it into something that is modern, rocking and enjoyable for every age group. A true Canadian

This will be a seated event

Are you a lover of Latin rhythms?

Cuban born multiple Latin Grammy winner Alex Cuba is coming to Ridgeway again all the way from

Vancouver on April 11. His arrangements and sense of rhythm are unbelievable.

His voice is like silk running through your ear canals It's is like the most delicious chocolate praline you can imagine - just for your soul and mind. This

show will be seated. Are you the type of person who likes to plan

ahead? Well, I guess especially if her adult mixed level Art We got something really you have children you class (beginner to

The Fort Erie Arts Council is working on a different concept for a summer art camp to be held at The Bell

Tower Sanctuary on Central Avenue. We would love to hear

your input. Let us know about your timely needs, general interest and whatever else pops up in your mind concern-

ing the art camp. Email thesanctuaryarts@ gmail.com or email artscouncilforterie@gmail.

com, please. The very talented Melanie Pyke is offering Thursday, May 7 from 10 am to 11:30 am.

In the course of 6 week you will learn a variety of techniques for \$95 including materials. Please email artscouncilforterie@gmail. com for more info and to register

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Nadine Pizzicarola is the event coordinator for the Sanctuary Centre for the

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Catherine Gildiner to discuss latest book at library

Fans of Bill Murray or Melissa McCarthy will enjoy the movie offering at the Fort Erie Public Library tonight, when these two remarkable comic actors join forces in St. Vincent, which plays at 6:39 p.m. at the Centennial branch and on Tuesday, March 31 at 2 p.m. at the Crystal Ridge

branch.
McCarthy plays Maggie,
a single mother whose best
child care option for Oliver,
her gentle twelve year old
son, is their cranky, disreputable neighbour
Vincent, played by Murray.
Vincent takes Oliver
along on his daily ounded
the local har. Vincenthelps
Oliver grow to manhood,
while Oliver sees in Vincent
what most people don't
what most people don't



Amy Roebuck Fort Erie Public Library

notice: a misunderstood man with a good heart. Library films for adults during the month of April are all blographical dramas, including The Railway Man, Grace of Monaco and Wild. Movies are screened on Thursday evenings at the Centennial branch and encored on Tuesday afterbranch. Paddington, which follows the comic misadventures of a young Peruvian bear with a passion for all things British, who travels to London in search of a home, is our Saturday family matinee

for April 4 at the Centennial branch beginning at 2:30 p.m. Paddington is one of those films that is as much fun for adults as it is for children, especially with Downton Abbey's Hugh Bonneville as Mr. Brown. Many Paddington books by author Michael Bond are part of the library collec-

tion. Find them by asking at any branch, or on the website www.fepl.ca. A columnist, screenwriter and clinical psychologist Catherine Gildiner writes the funniest, smartest memoirs I have ever read. Her first book, Too Close to the Falls, is about growing up in the middle of the 20th century in Lewiston,

New York.

Her most recent book,
Coming Ashore, is about
her life in the 1960s and
early '70s, when she studied at Oxford University,
taught high school in
Cleveland, Ohlo, and relocated to Canada to study
literature at the University
of Toronto. She is as entertaining as she is percep-

Plan to hear Gildiner read from her latest book, talk and answer questions at the Centennial branch of the library on Wednesday afternoon, April 8, begin-

Tickets are \$2, and the event is sponsored by the Writers' Union. Gildiner's books will be available for sale and signing at the event. All of Gildiner's books are available in the

library collection.
Stories for 2s and 3s is a time for little ones to get ready to read with talking, singing, playing and more, in drop-in sessions every Wednesday at the Crystal Ridge branch of the library, beginning April 1.

At the Centennial operach, children ages 1 ½ lect and up are invited to Stories for 2s and 3s every other Tuesday morning.
On alternate Tuesdays, Ambe Parenting and Family Literacy Centre Joins us for an interactive and fun Pub

Family Time, including stories, songs, rhymes, plus activities and playtime for all ages, from bables on up. Stories for 2s and 3s and Family Time are all free, and no registration is required.

Please note that all branches of the Fort Erie Public Library will be closed on Friday, April 3 and Monday, April 6. All branches will be open for regular hours on Saturday, April 4. The website www.fepl.ca is always open for browsing the col-

lection, doing research and downloading magazines, ebooks and audiobooks. Amy Roebuck is the Community Services Coordinator at the Fort Erie

Public Library.

Nature enthusiasts should visit Willoughby Marsh this spring

Remember the warm weather last Fall? We were on Sauer Road this late past November heading west I knew where we were. I told Rick Doan to stoo.

On the left were vertical wooden posts that closed off the entrance to Willoughy Marsh. Deep wheel marks of ATVS bypassed the barriers.

I told Rick of years ago of naturalist Ernic Giles, Debble Magnus, and myself with boots on entering the wetlands of the Marsh. There was a clearly marked nath back then.



Earl Plato When Nature Calls

solution and the second second

was grown over. Rick continued to drive on and there on our right was a large plaque put there in 2005. Rick took a close up of the

plaque. It read:

*Located in Niagara Falls, the Willoughby Clay Plain supports one of the more extensive forest complexes in the eastern section of the Niagara Peninsula. The site includes swamp forests with Silver Maple, White Elm, Swamp White Oak and scrublandswithWillow.Elderberry. and Meadowsweet, Gently rolling plains are dotted with slough ponds. Heavy clay soils impede drainage and forests dominated by Red Maple, Red Oak, Pin Oak, Bur Oak and

Shagbark Hickory.

In the Willoughby Marsh -much of it protected by the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority

many Carolinian trees can be found, including Swamp White Oak and the provincially rare Pin Oak and Pignut Hickory. In the forest a number of tree cavities in snags (standing dead trees) provide unique habitats for Downy and Hairy Woodpeckers, among other animals. The marsh is feeding habitat for several provincially or regionally significant species. Prothomotary Warbler, Prothomotary Upland Sandpiper, and Pickerel frog. The area serves a significant hydrological func-

tion as the water source for the

sh Usshers, and Black Creeks."

I am no birder like regional professionals Marcy Jacklin or Kayo Roy. On the plaque it mentioned Prothonotary warbler. Really? I saw this rare birght yellow warbler at Rondeau Provincial Park on Lake Erie. Here in Willoughby? Any readers confirm the sight-

ing of this uncommon bird in Niagara? Nature enthustasts check out Willoughby Marsh this Spring. A real challenge. Wear boots!

Want to bring our Monarch butterflies back in number? Sharon of Canada wentrecently to the Stamford Home Hardware Store in Niagara Falls. There you should find for \$1.89 a seed packet containing "common milkweed." Check out our

Initiativeed. Check out our local Home Hardware Stores. Ask about the seeds.

If successful in purchasing the seeds this

Spring and find a suitable area that will not be cut down this season. Scatter the seeds and hope that the milkweed will grow and provide food for our monarchs.

Note: The seed package has a monarch image on the front. Go monarchs!

Earl Plato is an author and Fort Erie resident.



From the gardener's journal: spring has finally sprung

Ruth Vold Markle Special to The Times

Now that spring has officially arrived on the calendar, there seem to be other signs as well.

No longer is the walk along the lake so quiet. The birds that silently

stayed on the icy banks and flows are having words again or the bird equivalent. The stroll through the bush reveals the begin-

ning of undergrowth through the hard packed snow. And the plant sales are

You may wonder at that last one when you feel that icy wind and see the frost still visible in the mornings. We received

notice this week of the Open House on March 28 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Nlagara College. This is a great area opportunity of meeting some of the students and viewing the latest projects. I hope you are able to attend. This event always marks the spring

advent for me.

If you are a member of the Horticultural Society in Fort Erie or Ridgeway

meetings have begun again. And like myself, you are making plans for your gardens and growth this summer. You may be planning to be a part of Community in Bloom.

Orthinking about becoming involved in community gardens. Whatever your thoughts and plans, now that the dark of winter is passing, its time to embrace the light and the spring to come.

I'm still keeping my eyes skyward until the end of the month when Jupiter will hover near the moon on March 29th.

Mars will vanish from our view around this time and reappear again later in the year. And this will be the beginning of Holy Week for many of us that participate in Lent. Truly a season of looking forward, this is a spring we will gladly welcome.

I make little resolutions this time of year. For myself, when the growing season begins that is truly a new year. Some of the following are my goals:

More participation in community vegetable

More plantings of heritage and native plants to keep the seed population and the areas alive with growth that is uncomplicated.

Make more time to enjoy what I accomplish Find an area in the

community that needs a touch of living beauty and help prepare and maintain that. Continue to teach and model environmentally

sound living.
In our family we celebrate the second birthday of our grand daughter in April and the arrival of a new grand baby in

In May we visit our youngest son and his wife in Scotland so some of my Journals will be

from travels there. In mid August we head to the West Coast to enjoy the grand babies (oh and my oldest son and his wife, mustn't forget tbem).

When we are in Vancouver and the coastal mountains we enjoy the outdoors so some of my journals will be from that location.

This is definitely the season for family and growth.

The greenhouse is so

So far Mickey and Minnie have not returned and the seedlings are showing up more each day. You wouldn't think the sight of tiny little shoots of green would be so exciting but it is.

It is the embodiment of our work and preparation through the dark and cold. And in these seedlings reside the hopes for a warmer spring and summer to come.

If you have been keeping up with the weather signs in the last few weeks you will be aware of the accuracy of the " red sun at night, sailor's delight."

That prediction has been accurate about 90%. The alternative one "red sun in morning, sailor take warning" has not been so accurate, occurring only 30% of the time. I will try this experiment again in the summer and see if the results varv.

see if the results vary.
I'll leave this little quote
that sums up my thoughts
this time of year.

"Spring lifts my heart. Suddenly everything is in bloom. I thrill at bird's songs I missed all winter" Harriet Crosby from "The Well Watered Garden"

Thanks for all your input and the thoughts and ideas you share.

and ideas you share.

Let's embrace the sunshine and warmth and like the earth, soften ourselves for the growing season

Ruth Vold Markle is a member of the Fort Erie Horticulture Club.



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Larry Graber

Full name: Larry M. Graber

Age: 67 Occupation: Retired in 2010

after 35 years as a banking executive. Family: Wife, Catherine and daughter, Katrina.

Previous political experience: I currently serve as the chair of the Fort Erie Public Library Board. I am now serving my second term on the Community Gaming and Development Corporation which is responsible for oversight on bingos, lotteries and raffles for the Town of Fort Erie. I am also a member of the Property Standards Committee which deals with Town bylaws and how they relate to property.

Why are you running?

Answer: I am running because I believe that the new council needs someone with a strong financial background and a strong commitment to the community. I am running because I know I can get things done, just as I have in all of the projects I have been involved in. I am solely interested in serving Ward 2 as councillor, I don't have any other political aspirations. This isn't a stepping stone to something else. It's about understanding the issues in Ward 2 and actually getting them taken care of. My working

career and volunteer back-

ground have taught me to

my good friend Rick Shular. I clearly understand Ward 2 Issues and with your sunport I know I can be a catalyst for positive change,

many discussions about the

issues facing the Ward with

listen first, ask questions to ensure my understanding is correct, and then work to find a solution. My life experiences have given me a unique insight.

Why should voters choose von?

A: I have the credible business and finance experience built over 35 years as a banking executive that will allow me to work with Council to ensure fiscal responsibility for the voters of our community. I have worked and volunteered in Ward 2 for much of my adult life, taking leadership positions with organizations like the Kinsmen, The Legion, The United Way and the Chamber of Commerce to improve the lives of people in our community. I also had the unique opportunity to have

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Full name: George Nigel

lardine

Agres N/A Occupation: Retired, Work for the Green Party as a researcher/administrator. Studio Jardine, photographs and art-

Family: Widower, three children, six grandchildren.

Previous political experience: Over 30 years of provincial and municipal action, Hospital OMB submissions, briefs and every issue since 1977.

Why are you running?

Answer: Politics has always been my passion since a teenager. I want free transit for students and seniors. One one person, now on council represents the taxpavers, everything in our town is run by business organizations (the Chamber of Commerce). The racetrack, EDTC, town council is controlled by business types. Our taxes pay for frills and very little for made, transit and infrastructure. We need to make a case for returning the slots.

Why should voters choose you?

A: Did not answer. Contact information: N/A



John Mollicone

Full name: John Mollicone Age: 56

Occupation: Asset Protection Specialist

Family: Married to Susan, par ents of Theodora, JonMichael, Jonathan and Joshua Previous political experience: Previous political experience: Community Liaison for Halton Regional Councillor

Why are you running?

Answer: As a citizen and father to young children I am engaged and committed to improving my community. Having previ ously experienced and benefitted from living in a prosperous community and also having the benefit of seeing a struggling horse town succeed, I bring these proven models of success to serve Ward 2.

Why should voters choose vmu?

A: Myfamily's success depends upon the success of Ward 2 and Fort Erie. I am prepared to work hard and to work smart for many years. My job already demands strong working partnerships and involves intense scrutiny and accountability.

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Health Corner

Four enemies of your teeth

If you want to keep your teeth for life, it will be helpful to know enemies of your teeth. Controlling those means you pet to keep your teeth healthier for years to come. That means fewer visits to your dentist, less emergencies, and more money in your pocket.

Enemy #1: Gum Oisease Most people have some degree

of gum disease, also called periodonthis. It is a chronic disease around your teeth Bacteria around your teeth and under the gum tissue where your tooth brush and floss usually cannot get to are the ones that are responsible.

Enemy #2: Tooth Occavs

This is obvious one. Many of us experienced the decays sometime in our lives. Tooth decays are caused by bacteria that are growing around your teeth (usually between teeth or pits and fissures on biting will eat sugar (yes, one in coffee, soft drink and even fruit juice)



a by-product. Then this acid will deschoo the calcium in teeth to make a hole in your teeth, and around your filling, your crown and bridges.

Enemy #3: Large Filling This is related to your previous

decays. When dentists put the fillings to fix your cavities, often the fillings became larger, Large fillings can brook or crack your teeth much more readily than smaller fillings. If you have a filling that cover 1/2 of the tooth width, you are more likely to breek that tooth.

Enemy #4: Bite

sces of teeth), Simply, they This is not so obvious one, Most people don't realize that how their teeth fit together can affect and then produce lactic acid as the health of their teeth. Bits Dentistry 905.894.5555.

chipping, crack and fractures of the feeth. Did you know that squeezing teeth together can produce 3-4 times heavier pressure on your teeth than force produced by normal chewing? If your teeth have been worn down noticeably last 5 years or so, you are more likely suffer from this problem. Also if you have a pain

while eating or chewing or if you have unexplained headaches.

often you may be suffering from this problem Next time, I will discuss 4 weapons to fight back these four enemies of your teeth. Meanwhile your dentist can help

Dr. John Inigo is a practicing general dentist in Fort Erie, Ontario and Ridgeway, Dotario. For more information and previous articles about oral health, visit www.injopdentistry. com or call Inigo Bertie Dentistry 905.871-2903 or Inigo Ridgeway

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PACKAGE 5

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programs and services for people who are designated homeless or at risk Scott Baechler. of homelessness across the region. Hundreds of men, women and families

10th anniversary of Bethlehem Housing mental health, domestic violence and Support Services' Empty Bowls and family breakdown. Bethlehem's fundraiser recently held at Club programs and services help people to Roma, Niagara's finest chefs served up rebuild their lives through increasing gourmet soups in one-of-a-kind bowls self-sufficiency and securing stable

The winner of both the Platinum in support to help end homelessness Ladle award and the People's Choice and reduce the impact of poverty across award was Chef William Brunvansky of the Panini Café in Thorold, his That This 'soup-er' event raised over Chicken and Rice Soup came out on top. \$30,000 which will assist Bethlehem Soups were judged by both the guests to continue to provide vital support and a panel of judges including Lynn Ogryzlo, Tony DeLuca, Brad Smith and

Guests took their empty bowl home as a continuous reminder of those who turn to Bethlehem each year due to are less fortunate in our community.



Bey and Emma from Hernder Estate Wines



TOM SCHMOR / ART WORKS PHOTOGRAPHY Winning the Platinum Ladle award for Niagara Oast House Brewers best soup, the Panini Cafe





TOM SCHMOR / ART WORKS PHOTOGRAPHY The Heat is on Catering serves their Deconstructed Spicy Slider Soup



2day FM Oren and Barn (L and far R) and The Standard's Mike Krklius present Chef The Standard's Mike Kritijus present Chef

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Contact Information: Phone: 905-871-9868 E-mail: passerocampaign. com or sdpassero@gmail.

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Council approves 2015 budget for the Fort Erie Waterfront Strategy Big ticket items in the capital budget

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Councillors signed off on the municipality's operating budget of \$23,195,234

for 2015 on Monday night. The result is a 7.54% tax hike, or \$87

for residential homes with an average assessment of \$179,715. Items in the operating budget include \$400,000 for capital reserves, \$75,000

\$13,000 for the Cemetery Master Plan Capital Reserve increase, and \$40,609 for the cost of the byelection.

Council also agreed to assist the Fort Live Racing Consortium \$500,000 this year, \$250,000 in 2016 and eliminating funding in 2017. lion capital budget for 2015.

Erie Race Track by giving the Fort Erie Council also approved the \$12 mil-

include \$550,000 for the Fort Erie Fire Department replacement of Pump 6. \$670,000 for the Central Avenue Bridge replacement, \$2.2 million for an LED street lighting replacement project, \$3 million, for phase of the Crescent Park storm drainage improvements and \$350,000 for the Buffalo Road water main replacement from Garrison Road to Evelyn Road.



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BAY BEACH MASTER PLAN COMMUNITY FOCUS GROUP

Expression of Interest

In April, the Town of Fort Erie will initiate preparation of a Master Plan for the Bay Beach property. The Master Plan will address future land use and zoning, park and public realm improvements, parking and active transportation opportunities, environmental and financial sustainability plans, and development of an implementation strategy.

An extensive public consultation process is anticipated for this project, which will include consultation with a Community Focus Group, stakeholder meetings, public open houses and reports to Council.

The Town is currently seeking persons interested in participating as voluntary members of the Bay Beach Master Plant Community Rocus Group, Members of the Community Rocus Group, will be open mid-duly, be open to change and fesh biase, and enhalt has interest in what is bet for the overall community. The Community Focus Group will meet 2 to 3 times over the next 6 mornish, to assist and provide feedbast of the project consultant. The Gormannity Focus Group will be comprised of 12-15 representatives from Crystal Beach and Greater Fort Erie, in the following categories.

- · Long time residents
- New residents

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- Business owners
- Organization representatives
 Volunteers

inference operation are requested to submit a Letter of Interest which provides 1 their parties address, 2 which no entrest and easily except on the above categories they represent; and 3 clearly cuttines (minimum of 100 words) why they wish to participate on the Community frozon (except, Should more than three Letters of Interest be neceled in a castgory, representatives will be selected by way of a lotter, 17 the encommended composition of the Community Frozon (except will be selected by community Frozon (except will be selected to Council for endocramed or Topo Community Frozon (except will be selected to Council for endocramed composition of the

If you are interested in working collaboratively with other community members, the project consultant and Town staff to help develop the Bay Beach Master Plan and wish to be considered for participation on the Community Focus Group, pieses submit a letter or an e-mail containing the above noted information, by no later than 5000 pm Tuesday April 7, 2015, to:

Signe Hansen, OALA CSLA, MBA
Manager of Parks and Open Space Development
Community and Development Services Department
1 Municipal Centre Drive
Fort Eric, Ordario 12A 2SB

shansen@town.forterie.on.ca

Persons submitting their expression of interest and those selected to participate are advised their names will become part of public record and may be published in relation to this process.

If you require any accommodations for a disability in order to participate or attend meetings, kindly advise in your response so appropriate arrangements can be made.

For more information on the Bay Beach Master Plan, follow at www.forterie.ca.



The Municipal Corporation of the Town Of Fort Erie Municipal By - election 2015 Notice of Election Information

In accordance with the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, a by-election is being held as follows:

One To Be Elected Councillor, Ward Two

Advance Poll Locations/Times

Dates	Time	Location
Thursday, March 19	4:00 p.m 8:00 p.m.	Royal Canadian Legion, 130 Garrison Rd. (Basement)
Friday, March 20	10:00 a.m 3:00 p.m.	Royal Canadian Legion, 130 Garrison Rd. (Basement)
Saturday, March 21	12:00 p.m 5:00 p.m.	Royal Canadian Legion, 130 Garrison Rd. (Basement)

Voting Locations on Voting Day, Monday, March 30, 2015 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

| Ward | Poll | Location | Address | 2 | 200 | Royal Canadian Legion 130 Garrison Road (Main Hall)

Institutions/Retirement Homes (for residents only):

 Crescent Park Lodge
 4 Hagey Street
 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

 Maple Park Lodge
 6 Hagey Street
 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

 Garrison Place
 373 Garrison Flood
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Alternate Formats

All reasonable efforts will be made to ensure that candidates and electors with disabilities are able to receive information and copies of election documents in a format that takes into account their disability. The format may be agreed upon between the requester and the Clerk.

Want to know more? Visit http://www.town.forterie.ca

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Easter open house

The Last Chance Horse and Pony Rescue is opening its doors to the community on Saturday for the 5th annual Easter Extravaganza. The fun begins at noon and features an egg hunt, egg decorating, a penny

The Last Chance Horse and Pony Rescue is at 4269 Michener Rd., in Ridgeway.

For more information about the

event call 905-894-9262.

Rockin' Graceland

Elvis will be in the building at Crystal Ridge Community Centreat least his lookalike will. Rockin' Graceland is coming to the Ridge Rd. S. facility in Fort Erie on

March 29 at 8 p.m.

The show features award-winning Elvis performer Bruno Nesci and special guest Big John Little T Bone. Tickets are \$20 and available at Movie Madness in Ridgeway or by phone at 905-325-5704

Arsenal seized in Fort Erie

An arrest warrant has been issued for a Fort Erie man after police seized four Tasers, two shotguns, a 9-mm assault rifle, two pairs of brass knuckles and two switchblade knives during a drug trafficking probe that commenced mid-Febru-

A warrant was issued after four ons offences.

weeks' investigation, Niagara Regional Police said in a news release on March 18 Police also seized cocaine, oxycodone pills, marijuana and a "large sum" of cash.

Tom Forster is wanted on a warrant for numerous drugs and weap-

NRP implements speech recognition phone system

In a move said to improve public service, Niagara Regional Police has adopted an automatic speech-recognition telephone system for callers to non-emergency phone lines.

The Nuance system automates call routing, speech-activated dialing and provides access to self-service information. Speech recognition enables callers to reach departments and/or personnel by saying either the name of the department or the name of the person they wish

Callers who are unable to selfdirect their telephone call will continue to have the option of speaking

with an operator for assistance. The Nuance system is a powerful tool that will improve the quality of Niagara Regional Police Service telephone communications and

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The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie WATER AND WASTEWATER FINANCIAL PLAN

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Financial Plan for the Town of Fort Erie is available on the Town's web site www.forterie.on.ca or by contacting Financial Services Department at 905-871-1600 ext. 2301.

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BREAST

Breast cancer starts in breast tissue cells, which extend beyond the actual breasts, from the armpits across to the breastbone in the middle of the chest and up to the collarbone. The breasts sit on the host muscles that cover the ribs. Breast cancer is the second leading cause of death how cancer in works.

KIDNEY

Kidney cancer occurs in either of the two kidneys, which are part of the urinary system. The main function of the kidneys is to filter water, impurities, and wastes from the blood. There are several types of kidney cancer, the most common being renal cell carrinoma.



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Cervical cancer starts in cervix cells.
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BRAIN

Primary brain tumours start in the brain and can be either benign or malignant. Cancerous tumours that begin to grow in cancerous tumours that begin to grow in other parts of the body and spread to the brain are called secondary or metastat to brain tumours. Elsewhere in the body, to brain tumours are generally not considered as dangerous as malignant tumours. In the brain, however, both kinds can be serious and possibly feel-frentetening.

BREAST

When we think of breasts, we tend to think of women. But men also have breast tissue and can develop breast diseases, including

Breast cancer in men is rare. Fewer than one per cent of all breast cancers occur in men. Although the risk of male breast cancer is low, it does happen. Despite the small number of cases, breast cancer in men is not well understood, stigmatted, and can be misdiagnosed or diagnosed that can be mis-

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The pancrass is a large gland that lies behind the stomach, deep inside the upper abdomen. The pancrass is part of the digestive system and is also part of the hormonal system, for which it makes insulin and other hormones. Most pancrastic cancers start in the ducts that carry pancrastic lukes.

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LIVER

Primary liver cancer starts in the cells bile ducts, blood vessels, or connective tissue of the liver It is uncommon and Is different from secondary liver cancer or metastatic liver cancer, which spread to the liver from other parts of the body. Most primary liver cancers begin in liver cells called hepatocytes, and the most common type is hepatocellular carcinoma.



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OVARIAN

within the ovary and generally occur in younger women. Germ cell cancer can even develop in children. Stromal tumours start in the connective tissue cells that hold the overy together.



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PROSTATE

The prostate is part of the male reproductive system. This gland's main function is to make seminal fluid which mives with sperm from the testicles to make semen. Prostate cancer is the most common type found in men. It usually grows slowly and can often be cured or successfully managed. Nevertheless, prostate cancer is the third leading cause of death by cancer in



The most common types of skin cancer are squamous cell cancer and basal cell cancer. Both are known as non-melanoma skin cancer and can usually be treated successfully

BREAST

A breast lump or another sign or symptom of breast cancer may be found by a screening mammogram or during a clinical breast examination by a health care provider. You may also notice a breast change yourself by

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Finance minister 'very receptive' to daily GO trains to Niagara

Rob Houle QMI Agency Niagara

Ontario's finance minister is "very receptive" to the idea of daily GO train service to

Niagara. Charles Sousa made the comment in answer to a question from St. Catharines Mayor Walter Sendzik during a "fireside chat" at a Greater Niagara Chamber of Commerce business luncheon at Coppola's Ristorante

and Banquet Facility Wednesday. "What we've heard from the business community loud and clear is that GO is essential for the Niagara economy to connect into the Greater Hamilton-Toronto area!

Sendzik asked. "And the question that I think is on everyone's mind is, can we count on your support for GO into Niagara, and we're looking for an announcement in 20157

The mayor's question elicited applause from the crowd of approximately 100 people. Sousa, who earlier gave the keynote address, said the Liberal government has announced it is prepared to make substantial infrastructure investments to get the province moving economically, including \$29 billion on public transit, of which \$15

billion is to be spent outside the Greater Toronto Area. "We know it's not enough just to have GO during some of the seasonal tourist attractions." Sousa said, "We recognize how important it is to have that connection on an ongoing basis because it enables communities, not just in Niagara, frankly, but

throughout the southern corridor, to be more effective." Sousa said he was looking forward to hearing Niagara Region's business case for GO train expansion to Niagara Falls, which is expected to be presented to Premier

Kathleen Wynne by the end of the month. "I'm encouraged by the work you are doing, and I'm very receptive," Sousa said.

Sendzik broached a few other touchy subjects affectability to pay when establishing Niagara communities, such as the arbitration process for resolving contract

settlements with such essential services as police and

He referenced a recent ruling in which Thorold firefighters were awarded a 9.2% pay hike over three years, noti rulings such as that take unsustainable bites out of a municipality's budget pie. "How is the government

going to try to address that issue?" Sendzik asked. Sousa acknowledged it has been a longstanding issue with Ontario municipalities and that the province established parameters in 2012 directing arbitrators to take into account a municipality's

ing pay hikes.
"But that doesn't mean we are not going to proceed with

to look at ways to provide for greater integrity around the arbitration system," Sousa said, noting the new minister of labour, Kevin Flynn, is

looking into the issue. When it comes to the high cost of electricity and what a potential sell-off of a chunk of Hydro One would mean. Sousa said rate bikes have been driven in part by infra structure investments related to power transmission and costs related to the closing of

the province's coal-fired gen-

erating plants. *The ratepayers will benefit long-term because all the heavy end investments have all been made," Sousa said.

Should the government choose to divest itself of a percentage of Hydro One, Sousa said, consumers would be protected as the government would continue to regulate the price of electricity.

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Henley WHONDA



Hadley Robinson, 16 months, recently enjoyed playtime during Family Time at the Fort Erie Public Library's Centennial branch. The Parenting and Family Literacy Centre join forces twice a month on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 for songs, stories, rhymes, activities and playtime for all ages, babies included. Family Time is free and no registration is needed.



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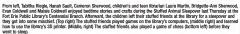
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Town managing Nigh Road flooding concerns

Fort Frie Times

With the snow melting quickly, some residents along Nigh Road have experienced some flooding, says the Town's manager of engineering

"There is an area out there that seems to flood every spring. We are studying the area under the drainage act and we're working on a solution to alleviate those issues," Kelly Walsh said.

The watercourse on Nigh Road is in the process of being designated as a municipal drain. "The watercourse has

been there for a long time. It was only petitioned by residents to become a municipal drain in the last couple of

"When it's designatedas a municipal drain, we can go in and improve the water course," he added.

According to Walsh, "there was a flooding blockage from a stream of ice (last Tuesday night) that has now cleared itself" on Nigh Road near Stone Mill Road.

Residents saw "quite a bit of water"

stuck in a driveway because there was so much water." Walsh expects "to see a port this summer that will allow (the Town) to go in and make changes to the drain" to prevent future flooding

stay away from fast flowing

"We're getting a nice melt It's not getting too hot too fast," Walsh said. "We've had less flooding across town than we typically have during a

As the community thaws, melt. Sometimes you get days have a huge melt. That's when Walsh reminds residents to where it goes to 15 °C and we have problems."

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Peter Norman kicks off spring reading series

Fort Erie Times

As a child, Peter Norman wasn't allowed to watch a

lot of television, so he read many books instead. "I tended to imitate the things that I saw in life. My family would go to a parade and I would go home and get my toys and make a parade." Norman

explained.
"It's the same with the way I write books." The Ridgeway Spring Reading Series returns this week and Norman is one of seven authors that will be featured at Ridgeway-Crystal Beach High School's auditorium.

Norman will bring his latest collection of poetry, The Guns That Starts The Race to RCBHS on March 27 at 7

"It's my third poetry book and there's not anything that unifies it." Norman

"It's essentially a bunch



Peter Norman

of poems with lots of different people whose voices you hear in the poems." Norman will also talk about his novel. Emberton. His novel is about Lance

Blunt, who despite his parents' and teachers' best efforts, can't read. Blunt receives an anonymous postcard, offering him a job at the Emberton

Dictionary so he goes for an interview. Blunt hopes that someone at Emberton Dictionary can teach him how to read. When he passes through

Emberton Tower, Blunt only finds more mysteries such as a pretty young etymologist who works there one day and is missing the next.

Norman took inspiration from his childhood to write Emberton "It all started when I was

a young kid. My parents had this gigantic dictionary in the house," Norman said. "I was a bit of a lonely kid

and I spent more time looking at that dictionary than I probably should have." remembers Norman reading the first few pages of the dictionary that

thanked a variety of professionals such as consultants. biologists and plumbers for contributing information about proper terminology. "I had the impression these people would be

ing for the dictionary." Norman said. "I thought there was one place you could go to work

dreds of people there. I had a complete misleading idea of dictionaries." Norman encourages

the revolving doors of the and there would be hun-

everyone to attend the his lecture "I hope that it'll be a fun

evening, I'm looking forward to it." Norman said. "There is material in both of these books that I'm really excited to read from. It's fun for me because it's a brand new place to go and

Norman has written two other poetry collections, Water Damage and At The Gates of the Theme Park. His fiction, poetry and essays have appeared in magazines and antholo-

gies. Doors to the Ridgeway Reads Spring Reading Series open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 at the door. working together in a build-For more information about the reading series visit www.ridgewayreads. com

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SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times From left, Chrystal Haverstock and Barbara Horning are putting a call out to the community for farmers to participate in a farmer's market in downtown Bridgeburg.

Farmer's market is coming to Bridgeburg

Sarah Ferguson Fort Erie Times

The Bridgeburg Station Downtown Business Improvement Association is

working on a number of initiatives to revitalize the dountoun core. As downtoum Bridgeburg is undergoing a renewal, The Fort Erie Times will feature a variety of these initiatings.

The promise of fresh fruits and vegetables will entice people to visit downtown Bridgeburg on Tuesday afternoons.

town Bridgeburg on Tuesday afternoons. At least market coordinator Chrystal Haverstock thinks it will.

"We had two grocery stores here at one point. The IGA closed sometime in the early 1990s," Haverstock said. "We have not had fresh fruits in downtown Fort Erie for over 20 years."

Members of the Bridgeburg Station Downtown Business Improvement Association are planning to host the Bridgeburg Rustic Farmer's Market in the municipal parking lot on Jarvis Street across from Pharmasave.

"The projected date to start, which is not firm yet, is Tuesday, June 2 beginning in the afternoon and finishing early in the evening."

The weekly farmer's market will offer residents a chance to purchase fresh Niagara produce while enjoying other local yandors



Bridgeburg BIA

The farmer's market is one way the Bridgeburg BIA is working to revitalize the downtown core.

"It's one of the first steps the BIA is taking to bring people back downtown." Haverstock said.

"This market is for a vastly under served neighbourhood," she added. Haverstock is inviting local farmers to reserve a space at the farmer's market to sell produce.

ket to sell produce.

"We are hoping people will reserve their space now. It's a small market with a maximum of 20 spaces," she

said.

For more information about reserving a spot at the Bridgeburg Rustic
Farmer's Market call Haverstock at
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Contract No. 2014-T-122 (RN 14-22) Replacement of Central Avenue Bridge (Structure No. 124205) On Regional Road 124 (Central Avenue), Over CNR Railway In the Town of Fort Erie

Niagara Region will undertake a complete replacement of the Central Avenue Bridge commencing on Friday, March 27, 2015 until August 2016. The general contractor for this project is Rankin Construction Inc., of St. Catharines.

The bridge replacement will be carried out in various stages requiring Central Avenue to be reduced to one lane of traffic for significant durations. Traffic during the staging operations will be controlled using temporary traffic signals at Wintemute Street and at Courtwright Street.

This project is using a rapid bridge replacement technique. The new structure will be constructed to the west of the existing bridge and positioned using a "sliding" technique. The rapid bridge replacement process will require a full two (2) week closure of Central Avenue. It is anticipated that this closure will take place in the spring of 2016. Notification of this closure will be provided in advance.

During the full closure, traffic and pedestrians will be detoured. Vehicular traffic will be detoured using Regional Road 19 (Gilmore Road), Regional Road 122 (Thompson Road) and Regional Road 21 (Phipps Street). Pedestrian traffic will be detoured using Courtwright Street, The Niagara Parkway and Wintemute Street.

Prior to construction, the general contractor will be employing the services of OZA Inspections to complete a detailed internal and external condition survey of properties adjacent to the project site. A representative from OZA Inspections will be contacting the owners of these properties for authorization to complete the condition survey and to schedule an appointment.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Region's consultant, Mr. Terry Kelly, P.Eng. (Hatch Mott MacDonald) at 905-403-4091, or the Region's project manager, Mr. Jason Marr. P.Eng. at 905-980-6000, extension 3552.

Ron Tripp, P. Eng. Commissioner of Public Works Niagara Region

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SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

Fort Erie fire Chief Larry Coplen, Regional Councillor Sandy Annunziata, Miagara Regional Police Const. Mike Miller and Fort Erie Mayor Wayne Redekop delivered warm meals to seniors Friday as part of the Meals on Wheels program in Fort Erie.

Community leaders serve up hot meals

Fort Erie Times

Fort Erie's community leaders made special deliveries Friday. Mayor Wayne Redekop, along with Regional Councillor Sandy Annunziata,

fire Chief Larry Coplen and Niagara Regional Police Const. Mike Miller assisted Fort Erie Meals on Wheels volunteers deliver 45 meals in Greater

Fort Erie, They delivered meals as part of March For Meals Community Champions Week. Nancy Ryan, executive director of

Meals on Wheels, said she was grateful to have well known leaders in the community participate in the March For Meals Community Champions Week. March For Meals is a nationwide event celebrated during the month of

March. It's organized by Meals on Wheels America, Ryan said March for Meals has been celebrated in the U.S. for the last 13 years and Fort Erie Meals on Wheels has been partici-

pating in the event for seven years. "We need to raise awareness for seniors who may not be getting the proper nutrition that they need and live in isolation," Ryan said.

"There are many seniors that live alone and are not eating correctly. That's the reason why we are here and we oviet"

Fort Erie Meals on Wheels as a board member, said he looked forward to delivering meals to seniors because he knows first hand the impact that it has

"It's important, not only for individuals to get the meals, but to have that

human contact," he said." Coplen was happy to volunteer because the Fort Erie Fire Department

responds to many calls involving seniors that would benefit from the program. "We deal with a lot of individuals that aren't a part of the program but they

should be," he said. Miller, who spent many years working in the Fort Eric police detachment. said he came across many seniors in need in his line of work which is why he

Annunziata said the program serves a great need in the community. "It's more than delivering a hot meal.

It's about delivering passion and respect," he added.

Fort Erie Meals on Wheels has serving the needs of the community, delivering both hot and frozen meals to elderly, disabled and home-bound residents for more than 43 years. Last year, the program delivered over 17,000 meals

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wanted to help.

Marine mammal legislation one step closer

QMI Agency Niagara

with diverse thoughts" deciding the future of marine mammals in Ontario.

announced care for marine mammals in Monday by Community Safety Minister Yasir Naqvi will help nals in Ontario. the provincial government A new Technical Advisory implement new standards of

captivity. The committee consists of groups like the Canadian Council on Animal Care, advocacy groups like

Zoocheck, the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and

Marineland. If passed, the legislation introduced Monday would make it illegal to breed or acquire killer whales in Ontario, with penalties of up to \$60,000 and/or two years in prison on first conviction.

New standards of care would also address the size of enclosures for marine mammals, environmental conditions such as noise and lighting, and appropriate animal interaction The new standards "will

be among the best in the world," said Naqvi at Queen's Park Monday, adding they're "something that Ontarians expect and these animals deserve." When contacted by OMI Agency Niagara, Naqvi

said Marineland was invited to be on the advisory "We wanted to make

sure that all points of views are there, so that we can get the regulations right." Local animal activist Phil Demers, a former Marineland trainer who raised concerns about the park in 2012, was dismayed whistleblowers weren't invited. Demers is being sued by the park for \$1.5 million, one of eight lawsuits Marineland has

filed since Dec., 2012. "Fifteen former employees with over 100 collective years of front-line experience working with marine mammals, and we were not included on the advisory committee," he

said. In addition to the provincial committee, Nagvi said any facility housing marine mammals will require its own "animal welfare commitee" on location. The group will oversee the care of the animals, and ensure they're treated by veterinarians with expertise in marine mammals.

"They will be separate from the Technical Advisory Committee," Naqvi said. "There will be one in Marineland, and if there is any other facility in Ontario (that has) marine

mammals, it will be required." Marineland currently has the only captive killer whale in Canada. It has not yet been determined what changes, if any, the park will have to make

to its enclosures. "All those elements are being discussed," said Nagyi,

The proposed new regulations were spearheaded by marine biologist David Rosen. A 125-page report was released in January.

During a media scrum Monday, Naqvi would not elaborate on how the proposed could affect changes Marineland.

In a written response to The questions Review's Marineland said it welcomes its role on the Advisory Committee, which it hopes can "work cooperatively to provide the government with clear advice and direction" towards animal care.

"We support the government's view that legal standards need to be based on science, not political ideologies or public relations."

The park "supports" Rosen's report and hopes the guidelines are adapted: "Marineland meets or exceeds those standards and is committed to maintaining and enhancing the health and care of all its marine mammals."

Last summer, the park said its 39-year-old killer whale Kiska was retired from live performing: "Her health and wellbeing is constantly moni-"Marineland is committed,

as always, to Kiska and her needs, and to making her old age comfortable, calm and carefree'

Nagyi said the changes, if approved, could take effect as early as this summer.

"Today was an important step," he said. "I think everybody is united from the point of view that we're taking very important steps in ensuring we have enhanced standards of care for marine mammals in Ontario'

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION

Contract No. 2014-T-122 (RN 14-22) Replacement of Central Avenue Bridge (Structure No. 124205)

On Regional Road 124 (Central Avenue). Over CNR Railway

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Niagara Region is undertaking the replacement of the Central Avenue Bridge (Structure No. 125205) on Regional Road 124 (Central Avenue) over the CN Railway, in the Town of Fort Frie

The public is invited to an information session regarding the proposed work plan and associated bridge replacement for this project which is scheduled to commence on March 27, 2015 and continue until August 2016. A formal presentation will not be made but staff from Niagara Region and the project team will be available to discuss the undertaking and answer your

The information session will be held on: Date: Wednesday, April 1, 2015 Time:

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SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times Ridgeway Business Improvement Association president Derrick Dea and volunteer committee chairman Matthew Ferguson are asking residents to volunteer for upcoming community events.



Ridgeway BIA looking for volunteers

Sarah Ferguson Fort Frie Times

Calling all community minded individuals, the Ridgeway Business Improvement Association needs you.

"We have a few events coming up like the Easter egg hunt. Earth Day in April and the Battle of the Yard Sales which is the last weekend in May and Ridge Fest on July 5 and 6," said volunteer committee chairman

Matthew Ferguson. Ferguson, who has volunteered with the Ridgeway BIA for the last three years, is asking volunteers to give their time to help set up, execute and take down events Volunteers are important

the community." "It's good to give back to the community," Ferguson said. "The people that you meet and the long lasting friendships you make (make volunteering

worthwhile)." Any time a volunteer can give is always appreciated by mem-bers of the Ridgeway BIA. Ferguson encourages anyone looking for an opportunity to get involved in the community to volunteer for one or more of the events planned in Ridgeway.

Students in need of community service hours are also welbecause they are "the heart of

"Anyone and everyone can volunteer. We're looking for anyone who is willing to volunteer, even if it's only for 30 min-

Ferguson said there is "plenty to do" for volunteers, and getting involved allows people to "find out more about community events"

For more information about volunteering for the Ridgeway BIA call 289-476-1311 or e-mail Ferguson at rbiavolunteercommittee@gmail.com. sarah.ferguson@sunmedia.ca





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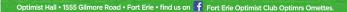
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Fort Erie

Bouquet for town staff About two weeks ago, our street still had a heavy snow buildup so I called the Town works vard to

ask them to send out a snowplow A bouquet for the auto repair to our street. The woman who answered was very even

courteous. though she must have been getting a lot of similar calls that day. and within a halfhour a plow arrived on our street. A bouquet to the town staff who kent our streets clear of all that snow this winter

Bouquet for a baby A bouquet for my friend's extremely adorable baby. You're such a handsome little fellow. You're going to be such a lady killer.

Brick for people who take

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lack of safety with the wet weath- caring place

er. She broke her arm and is in physical therapy. I won't be buying my bananas there ever again. Bouquet for auto repair shop

shop we share a driveway with. We are so thankful that the owner kept our parking area well plowed all winter. He saved us from trying to shovel out such a

large area and such heavy, heavy snow. Brick for a neighbour A brick for the neighbour

who lets his dog out at 4 a.m. and forgets his dog is out there.

Bouquet for Mother Nature

Here comes the sun... at last Spring is sneaking in. A bouquet for Mother Nature for finally letting us enjoy some warmer temperatures.

Brick for cheesecake A brick for the cheesecake I ate the other day. You tasted so good

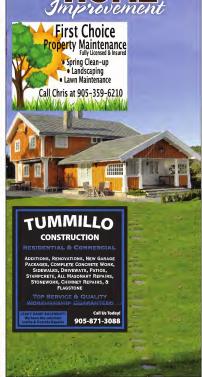
but you're so unhealthy. I knew I shouldn't have enjoyed the cheesecake. Why can't cheesecake be healthier.

Bouquet for a brother

awesome, I just want ed him to know. **Bouquet for Easter**

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make the community a more vibrant and





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Have your say on Niagara's worst roads

Ray Sniteri QMI Agency Niagara

CAA Niagara kicked off its 12th Worst Roads campaign Monday with a request for motorists to be extra cautious this nothole season, and a renewed call for the Ontario government to create a dedicated gasoline-tax fund for roadway infrastructure. This past winter's hitter

temperatures, followed by the coming spring thaw, will soon bring a "bumper crop" of crumbling pavement and potholes, said Rick Mauro. CAA Niagara's vice president of marketing and public relations.

already there.

"I'm sure many of you were dodging a few potholes to get here safely," he said to dignitaries from Niagara Region, Ontario Provincial Police and Niagara Regional Police during Monday's cam-

naign launch. "Poor roads wreak

In fact, the signs are havoc on the undercarriage of your car. The resulting damage can cost you hundreds, if not thousands of dollars, and worse than that, a road

(with potholes) is danger-Dignitaries gathered at Thorold Stone Rd., where it meets Stanley Ave., the region's worst road, and

Ontario's second worst road, in 2014.

CAA Niagara has erected a billboard at the location to call attention to this year's campaign, which began Monday and runs until April 17. CAA will share its top 10 voted worst roads lists with pro-

vincial and local government officials. The campaign is designed to give the public a chance to voice concerns about the state of roads in the region and across the province.

Last year's campaign generated about 13,000 votes across Ontario, about 1,500 from Niagara. Potholes and/or crumbling payement was chosen by 95% of voters as their primary issue. Voters can also identify issues such as pedestrian and cycling safety, poor road signs, timing of traffic lights, or traffic conges-

Mauro said "year after year," Stanley Ave. has been voted one of

Niagara's worst roads. The good news, however, is that Niagara Region has "made some great strides" in improving the condition of the road, with more work planned.



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With Spring finally here (well mostly), a lot of us are looking forward to getting outside again-walking, biking, working in the yard - enjoying getting some fresh air. I see that same kind of longing in our pet-every time the front door opens she's right there-sniffing the air, poking her head out for a look. As over 60% of households own at least one pet, I thought it appropriate that we think about providing a safe and natural place for them to get exercise and fresh air too.

Pet-friendly spaces are an easy way to introduce new sources of nature into your environment that are safe and beneficial for our pets as well as the neighbouring wildlife that share our space. A bonus is that this type of environment is easier for us to maintain.

Here are a few ideas to help you create a pet-friendly yard for that special furry family member.

- Choose natural, basic substances with smooth and soft materials so yards stay healthy and free of sharp edges for active or curious pets.
- Use finely shredded mulches to help soil from becoming compacted, hold moisture, inhibit weeds, are soft to walk on and help lessen pet pee problems in your
- Plant native, animal-friendly plants-they are already adapted to our climate and environment, and, are usually sturdy enough to stand up to some of the stresses our pets may put on them. There are many varieties of edible herbs that cats love, or large trees and shrubs that provide shade for your dog to take a rest after a game of fetch.
- But some plant types can be toxic to animals (and humans) so check with your local garden centre or check the Ontario SPCA's website for a complete list.

Many nets especially dogs (just like kids), can get bored in your backyard, which can lead to bad behavior, so get creative. Consider adding a fun play feature, like a kiddle pool to splash in, tall flags or gates to run in and out of or a woven willow-branch tunnel to hide in.

Your pets need space-try to devote space to your pets that is created suitably for them. This will help ensure that they'll enjoy being outside in the garden just as much you



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Region is 'Continuously monitoring its road network'

From Page 46

John Rizzo, the Region's project manager for transportation engineering, said the first portion of the reconstruction of Stanley Ave., from Valley Way to Morrison St. is "almost complete." And as soon as the frost

gets out of the ground, which Rizzo said he hopes is in early April, the reconstruction is expected to continue right on through to the new Thorold Stone Rd. intersection.

The remaining construction is expected to last probably four to five months, so we're looking at an August/September completion for the rest of the roadway," said Rizzo.

He said the Region is "continuously" monitoring its road network and has a plan in place for short and

long-term repairs. Rizzo said with two consecutive barsh winters. Mother Nature hasn't

heen so kind to Niagara's made "We are having, and we are expecting, some

breakups as a result of these colder temperatures and frost penetration that's in the road now "In most cases, we're

aware of situations road repairs and so on long before they make any list and we certainly endeavor to make good on those repairs, make the necessary repairs before they get to the pothole stage. Mauro said he's hearing

of poor road conditions along Ontario St., Geneva St. and Queenston St. in St. Catharines. As for Niagara Falls, people are still complaining about Stanley Ave., near Bridge St., which Mauro said has a lot of potholes.

"Our drivers are noticing there's a lot of crum-



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bling pavement in those gas tax for areas, a lot of heaving as a result of the extreme cold ture and tranthis winter and we've had next 10 years. some thaws and more to come," he said.

Mauro said Niagara and other municipalities in Ontario continue to face funding challenges when it comes to road renairs. CAA is asking the provincial government to permanently dedicate a portion of gasoline taxes

Campaign Monday

for road infrastructure. "Ontario's provincial government has been applying gasoline taxes since 1925 and there's vet to be a permanent fund to pay for road, highway and bridge repairs," said

Mauro. "This has been a growing problem and for many vears, CAA has been calling on the provincial government to dedicate tax dollars to a permanent fund that municipalities can use to apply to infrastructure'

He said last year, the province announced it would dedicate 7 1/2 cents from the provincial

infrastrucsit during the "This is a step in the

right direction, but it's important that the provincial government make this tax collection permanent. predictable and stable, so that when

folks like John and others in government are making their plans, they know that there's going to be some cash in the kitty to pay for these construction

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is with great too Smith & Redakop-Smith It is with great joy that Rob Smith & Lindsay Redakop Smith announce the arrival of their first child, Brody Maclean Smith on March 4th, 2015 at 11.45cm matching to grandparents are Wayna Redekop and

Brody was also welcomed by grand-parents Linds Donald and Dave Smith, as well as Great Grandmas Betty Smith and Pat Street, Hilary, Kylie, and Sheena are Infilled to be Brody's sunts. Brody is Brody's sunts. Brody is lucky to be surrounded by so many friends and family who love him so much! Special thenks to the doctors and nurses at the St. Cathannes blossolid.

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to Wayne Ashworth for the beautiful floral arrangement. Special thank you to Martha Lockwood for the Funeral Ser-vice. To Darren Flagg & his staff at nner Funeral Home, no words can de scribe your help & compassion.

Thank you to all my special triends for all your support during this difficult time.

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MARR ANGUISH, Barbara Ann We would like to sincerely thank our family friends and neighbours for your love and support, cards, fruit baskets, memorial donations and kind words during our heartbreaking time. Special thanks to Rev. Jeff Hooper and Rev. Nancy Rowe for the heartfelt memorial service which highlighted what a kind and beautiful person she was and how she had touched so many lives Thank you to the paramedics, nurses end doctors in Emergency et the GNGH and in the ICU. Our sincere appreciation to Darren Flagg and the staff of Benner Funeral Home for their kindness and guidance during a difficult time. With our deepest thanks, the Anguish

and Marr families.

Obituaries

NEPP, Karl Jr. - Karl passed away tedly on Thursday, March 19th 2015 at the age of 33. Cherished son of Karl Sr. (Jeannie) Nepp and Debbie (Rob) Cherished grandson of Millie Nepp, Jacquie Napper and Bill Napper. Proud brother of James Hirst, Sabrina Ashley (David) and Carrie Cody (Nick). He will be sadly missed by nieces and nephews Mia, Josie, Ella, Sophia, and legan Forever in the hearts of ounts and Maria (Chifly) Walpole, Erika undes (Bruce) Matthews, Sharmaine (Ron), Joe (Bonnie) Nepp and Jessie Napper. Also survived by cousins Andrew, Matthew, Amanda, Kalvin, Kurtis, Ashley, Ryan, James, Jessica, Tyler, Jacquie and Cameron. Karl leaves behind his girtfriend Stephanie her children Quinton and Grace. as well as his best friend, his dog Nitus. Predeceased by his Opa Joe Nepp. Aunt Anna Bachler and Uncle Bradley Napper BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES, 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. The family will receive friends on Mondey, March 23rd, from 6 pm until the time of service in the Funeral Chapel at 7:30. If so desired, donations to Dreams to Memories would be appreciated



Obituaries PELTZER, Anthony "Tony" - Tony passed away on March 20th, 2015 at the ane of 90. Loving husband of the late grandfather of Lena Doneff, Predeo

Helena Proud tether of Frances (Paul) Cooper and Judy (John) Doneff. Cherished grandfather of Roger Doneff and greatby his grandson John Donelf and his sister Katy Schneider, Also survived by his many nieces and nephews. Tony was a proud and loyal employee of A & P for over 48 vears ultimately becoming a store manager. BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES, Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. The femily will receive friends on Sunday, March 22nd from 2 - 4 & 7 - 9. Funeral Services will be held in the Benner Funeral Chapel on Monday at 11 am. Interment to follow in Greenwood Cemetery, If so desired, donations to the Foundation or the Diabetes Association would be appreciate by the

PUTMAN, Janet Dorothy - On Monday March 16, 2015, at Douglas Memorial Hospital, Janet, loving wife of Douglas, proud mother of Barb Bright and Douglas Putman Jr. The family would like to express much thanks end appreciation to St. Catharines General and Douglas Memorial Hospitals for their compassionate and professional care, and to all friends and relatives. At Janet's request, cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers donations to a charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family. Arrangements entrusted to NIAGARA FUNERAL ALTERNATIVES, 905-894-0120.



SCHNEIDER, Patrick Ronald - Born Feb. 22, 1947, passed away March 16. 2015 in Calgary, AB. after a five year battle with agressive prostate cancer. Loving husband of Susan Schneider for 48 years Beloved son of Ronald and Anna Schneider (Teal) of Ridgeway, Ontario. Devoted father of Michelle Dunn (Jamie) and Micheal Schneider (Dominique). Grandfather to Mathew and Sarah Dunn, Patrick will be missed by his sister Lise Ochej (Edward). nephews Adam and Stephen and niece Molli Ochei, Cremation has taken place. A private service will be held at a later date in Calgary, Alberta, In Ileu of flowers please donate to the Canadian Cancer Society.

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TYRRELL, IYHHELL, Thomas Raymond -Laughing and loving until he could no longer, God's gift to the world in the person of Thomas Raymond Tyrrell, of Cherleston Drive. Ridgeway, was warmly welcomed home by His Saviour on Sunday, March 22nd. Born July 5, 1938, Tom was the youngest son of Thomas and Bella Tyrrell of Renton, Tom's best friend, and loving wife of 58 years, Jessie (nee Voth), was happily and gracefully with him every step of the way. Jessie was and will be comforted by her sisters Velda, Mary (Butch), Helen, Lydia (Jake), Alice (2012) end Tom's brothers Desmond (2014) (Vi). Fred (Fav). Bob (Joan) and their families These two families consist of many dear cousins, nieces and nephews of several verations. Tom had diverse careers and interests over his lifetime. A graduate of McMaster University, he was a teacher, then the National Sales Manager of Ginn and Co., a pilot of his personal plane and skipper of his sall boat. Even in his unofficial retirement in Florida, he was a driver of burse full of children and an all around world traveller: a lover of life and of all things living. Tom will be forever remembered for his pranks and jokes, his broad smile and big hugs. Most of all, Jessie and all of those of us who love Him will remember dear Tom as a true follower of Jesus Christ: a reader of God's Word and a believer in His plan for us all. Thankfully that plan for Tom and Jessie included being surrounded by a huge circle of dear friends old and new, neighbours from every plece they ever fived, and church families who have actively loved them during his difficult part of their earthly journey. As he had planned, Tom's life will be celebrated by a

ervice of remembrance and rejoiding in

April. If you wish, donations to the Riverside

Parkway, Ridgeway L2A 5M4) or to the

Gideon Bible Society, may be made in Tom's memory. WILLIAMS FUNERAL SERVICES, 722 Ridge Rd. N. Ridgeway

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He counts the tears I shed And whispers "He only sleeps Your loved one is not dead." So I'll be brave dear Gilles And pray to God each day And when He calls me home to you, Your smile will guide the way Love always, Margaret

~ To Our Dad ~ We wish that we could see you Dad, For just a little while, We wish that we could hug you and see your lovely sm But wishing gets us nowhere, And longing is in vain.
So we will hold you in our hearts,
Until we meet again.

Love, Mathew and Michael



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In Loving Memory of a dear husband, father and grandfather who left us on March 25, 2014.

In tears we saw you sinking, We watched you fade away. Our hearts were almost broken, You fought so hard to stay. But when we saw you steeping, So peacefully, free from pain, We could not wish you back, To suffer that again.

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